
ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1 - TITLE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1

This organization shall be known as the ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. When appropriate the acronym "ILNA" may be substituted.

SECTION 2

The objectives shall be to encourage and dispense numismatic information. To promote cooperation between all persons interested in the numismatic art and for the particular purpose of bringing the Numismatists of Illinois into a closer relationship with one another.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Any person of good moral character, eighteen years of age or over, shall be eligible for regular membership. Those less than eighteen years of age shall be eligible for junior membership. Any Club, Museum, or School shall be eligible for regular membership, provided the applicant be approved by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2

A regular member in good standing for a minimum of two years shall be eligible for Life Membership, provided the application be approved by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 3

Honorary Membership may be conferred only by the Board of Governors upon the written recommendations of at least four members.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

SECTION 1

Officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and six Governors making a total of eleven constituting the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2

The President shall be responsible for interpreting and upholding the Constitution. The President shall preside at all meetings and generally supervise all matters of interest to the Association.

SECTION 3

The Vice-President shall serve in the President's absence. And shall perform the duties of chairman of the election committee.

SECTION 4

The Secretary shall: record the minutes of the Association Meetings, preserve all documents, handle general correspondence, keep a correct list of members with their current addresses, notify members in arrears of dues, file with the State of Illinois the not for profit corporation report annually and receive monies paid into the Association paying the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt thereof.

SECTION 5

- a. The Treasurer shall: receive all monies from the Secretary, keep an accurate account of all transactions, present a statement of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting or whenever requested by the President.
- b. All funds shall be deposited in the bank designated by the Treasurer and the approval of the Board of Governors, and in the name of the Illinois Numismatic Association.
- c. An audit shall be made on or immediately after the annual meeting: and, or when the Treasurer leaves office. The Audit Committee is to be appointed by the President.

SECTION 6

- a. The Chairman of the Board of Governors shall be the immediate past President and shall assist and advise the president in matters that come before the Board of Governors.
- b. The Chairman of the Board shall be the State Convention Chairman. A Convention report will be submitted to the Board of Governors by the first meeting following the Convention.

SECTION 7

The Board of Governors shall have the power to act on the affairs and business of the Association including but not limited to:

- a. Election of members to fill vacancies in any elective office, except that of the President.
- b. Decide the time and place for holding conventions.

- c. Prescribe the form of membership applications and official ballots.
- d. Rule on the admissions of applicants against whom objections are raised.
- e. Rule on disposition of formal charges brought against a member.
- f. Fix the compensation of members and officers of the Association.
- g. Prescribe which elected and appointed officer should be bonded and fix the amounts thereof.
- h. Fix the dues of the membership.
- i. Remove from office any elected or appointed officer who does not or cannot meet the requirements of the office.

ARTICLE IV - APPLICATION, DUES AND SUSPENSION

SECTION 1

Applications to become regular, junior or life members shall be made in writing on forms prescribed by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2

The annual dues, life membership and initiation fees shall be determined by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 3

Any member in arrears more than three months shall be automatically removed from the role of membership. A note of leave of absence to the Secretary will assure retention of the same membership number when readmitted.

SECTION 4

a. Charges brought against any member of conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association shall be in writing and signed by the person making such charges. The identity of the person making the charges shall not be made known except to the Board of Governors. Such charges with the particulars thereof, shall be filed with the President who shall there upon furnish the accused member with a written copy thereof. The accused member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to enter a written defense to such charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Board of Governors, which shall determine the case under any such rules and regulations it may adopt. The Board of Governors may dismiss such charges, or it may censure, suspend, or expell such accused member. Until the final decision of the Board of Governors, the accused member shall continue in good standing and shall have the privilege of appealing the case to the membership at the following meeting.

b. Any disciplinary action taken by the American Numismatic Association or the Central States Numismatic Society in regards to the conduct of a member will automatically become applied by the Illinois Numismatic Association.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The Association shall hold an annual convention. The site to be determined by the Board of Governors. Any member club in good standing with the proper facilities to accommodate a state convention may submit their bid to host the annual state convention.

SECTION 2

The annual membership and Board of Governors meeting is to be held in conjunction with the annual convention.

SECTION 3

There shall be at least four Board of Governors meeting during the year. Other membership or special meetings may be called by the President.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS and VOTING

SECTION 1

At least ninety days before the annual meeting, the President shall in the "Digest" issue a call for nominations of officers.

SECTION 2

- a. The officers to be elected for a two year term are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Three Governors shall be elected annually and shall serve a two year term.
- b. No member shall be eligible for election as Vice-President unless that member shall have first served at least one term as a member of the Board of Governors.
- c. After completing the office of the Vice-Presidency the Vice-President shall succeed the President and serve in such capacity for a two year term.

SECTION 3

- a. All nominations shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Secretary.
- b. Official nominees must submit to the Secretary the prescribed nomination form before said nominee will be placed on the ballot.

c. Nominations shall close sixty days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

SECTION 4

a. The Secretary shall have printed in the "Digest" an official ballot and mail a copy thereof to each member, together with an envelope marked "OFFICIAL BALLOT."

b. The envelope containing the executed ballots shall be unopened and delivered to the Vice-President.

c. The Vice-President, in the presence of the election committee, shall count the ballots and announce the elected officers.

SECTION 5

Officers will assume their duties at the last session of the annual meeting at which the election is held and hold office until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

SECTION 6

Each officer, at the expiration of the term of office, shall deliver to his successor all books, paper, money or other property of the Association in possession of said officer.

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL

SECTION 1

a. The Constitution may be amended by three-fourths affirmative vote of the members present at the annual meeting, provided said amendment proposed shall have been presented in writing and referred to the Board of Governors for their study and recommendations.

b. Members absent from subsequent meeting in which amendments are up for action may vote by proxy on amendments.

SECTION 2

The fiscal year of the Association shall be September 1 to August 31.

SECTION 3

All former bylaws of the Association not contained in the foregoing are hereby repealed and annulled.

SECTION 4

The parliamentary procedure of all meetings shall be conducted according to accepted "Roberts Rules of Order."

